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SUBJECT: STUDENT AGITATION SPREADING

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1. IN WAKE STUDENT AGITATION FOR RELEASE OF IBADAN
DETAINEES, AUTHORITIES HAVE ADDED IFE AND BENIN TO
LIST OF UNIVERSITIES CLOSED. IN ADDITION MIDWEST
POLYTECHNIC, IBADAN POLYTECHNIC AND JOS CAMPUS
UNIBADAN ALSO CLOSED. STUDENTS CONTINUING BOYCOTT OF
CLASSES AT ABU AND PUBLIC MEDIA HAVE REPORTED THEY
HOLDING SOLDIER AND POLICEMAN HOSTAGE (KADUNE 0077).
SITUATION AT NSUKKA AND ENUGU CAMPUSES OF UNIVERSITY
OF NIGERIA REMAINS NORMAL.

2. ALL NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS SO FAR HAVE CONDEMNED
STUDENT ACTIONS, AND ALL EXCEPT TRIBUNE HAVE PLACED
BRUNT OF BLAME FOR VIOLENCE ON STUDENTS -- BUT USUALLY
WITHOUT TOTALLY EXONERATING POLICE.

3. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, TEN OF THOSE STUDENTS
DETAINED IN IBADAN WILL BE TRIED FOR "TAKING PART IN RIOT
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AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY."

4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN IBADAN 0055, DECISION BY
AUTHORITIES TO CLOSE CAMPUSES HAS REDUCED IMMEDIATE POTENTIAL
AT AFFECTED SCHOOLS FOR FURTHER POLICE/STUDENT CONFRONTATIONS
SINCE STUDENTS ARE NOW RETURNING HOME. POSITION OF STUDENTS
ALSO WEAKENED BY ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT AND
BY APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF GOVERNMENT TO UTILIZE FULL POWER
TO PREVENT AGITATION BECOMING UNMANAGEABLE (ACCORDING ONE
FACULTY MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, ARMY TROOPS WERE
PREPARED BACK UP POLICE IN LAGOS OPERATIONS IF NECESSARY).
STILL, IF POLICE DO ATTEMPT CHARGE IBADAN DETAINEES, CHANCES
OF ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN (IF NOT BEFORE)
WILL BE HIGH.
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